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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

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Applicants: KOJIMA, et al.
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**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY
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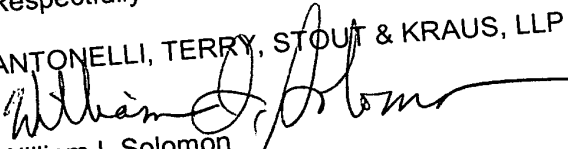
Honorable Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.191, Applicants hereby appeal from the final rejection as set forth in the Official Action mailed October 7, 2002 finally rejecting claims 8-17, 27 and 66.

A Credit Card Payment form in the amount of \$320.00 is enclosed, to cover the Appeal Fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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